Replacement of Obsolete Aircraft by IAF

2455. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether IAF has been clamouring for advanced jet trainers to replace the obsolete Hunter T66 and MIG-21 trainers;

(b) whether Government have abandoned all plans to buy either Hawk or Alpha and are considering a Russian offer for a new trainer; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the new deal is to be contracted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c). Government is aware of the requirement of an Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) for stage III training of combat pilots. Acquisition of Advanced Jet Trainer, accordingly, has already been approved by the Government. Commercial negotiations have commenced with the shortlisted vendors i.e. manufacturers of Hawk and Alpha Jet. The Government is also monitoring the development of Russian AJTs.

[Translation]

Engineering Colleges

2456. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of new engineering diploma/ degree colleges were recognized by the All India Technical Education Council, Maharashtra during the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether applications of some of the new engineering colleges have been rejected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) 9 engineering colleges and 4 polytechnics have been approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) during the year 1996-97 in the State of Maharashtra.

(b) Details are given enclosed statement.

(c) and (d). Because of excess capacity already existing, the State Government have advised the AICTE not to accord approval for new engineering colleges except for the districts where no colleges exist at present. Proposals also have been rejected due to deficiencies in respect of the required Standard & Norms of the Council.

STATEMENT

List of Engineering Colleges approved by All India Council for Technical Education during 1996-97 in the State of Maharashtra

S. No.	Name of Institution/ Affiliating Agency	Course(s)
1	2	3
1.	Department of Chemical Technology, Amravati, University, Amravati, Maharashtra-444602 Amravati University	Food Technology Oils & Paints Technology Petro Chemical Technology Pulp & Paper Technology
2.	Department of Chemical Technology, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, Maharashtra-425001 North Maharashtra University	Food Technology, Oils, Fats & Waxes Technology Paints Technology Plastic Technology
3.	Department of Instrumentation Engineering, Amravati University, Amravati Maharashtra-442602 Amravati University	Instrumentation Engineering
4.	Govt. College of Engineering, Jalgaon K.H. 6 Zilha Peth Jalgaon-425002 North Maharashtra University	Electronics & Comm Engineering Instrumentation Engineering Mechanical Engineering
5.	Govt. College of Engineering Chandrapur (Maharashtra) Nagpur University	Electrical Engineering Instrumentation Engineering Mechanical Engineering
6.	Institute of Technology S.N.D.T., Women's University, Juhu Mumbai-400049 (Maharashtra) S.N.D.T. Women's University	Computer Sc. & Technology Electronics & Comm. Engineering Instrumentation Technology
7.	Manitoba Finolex Academy of Management & Tech., Ratnagiri (Maharashtra)	Electrical Engineering Electronics Engineering Mechanical Engineering
8.	Sinhgao Technical Education Society's College of Engg., Pune University of Pune.	Chemical Engineering Computer Engineering Electronics & Telecomm Engg. Mechanical Engineering